

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Small Business, to which was referred House Bill No. 1697, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1           Page 1, delete lines 5 through 8, begin a new line block indented  
2           and insert:  
3           **"(1) On at least fifty percent (50%) of the working days of the**  
4           **business entity occurring during the preceding calendar year,**  
5           **the business entity employed not more than one hundred fifty**  
6           **(150) employees."**  
7           Page 1, delete lines 11 through 16, begin a new paragraph and  
8           insert:  
9           "SECTION 2. IC 5-28-5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
10          AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
11          1, 2009]: **Sec. 6.5. The board shall maintain a small business**  
12          **division, including the Small Business Development Center Lead**  
13          **Center, to carry out the corporation's duties under IC 5-28-17. The**  
14          **board shall staff the division with employees of the corporation."**  
15          Page 2, delete lines 10 through 20, begin a new line double block  
16          indented and insert:  
17                **"(A) include detailed information on the structure, operation,**  
18                **and financial status of the corporation, including:**  
19                   **(i) detailed information on the corporation's efforts to**  
20                   **support the development of small businesses under this**  
21                   **chapter; and**

1                   (ii) an evaluation of the results of the corporation's  
 2                   efforts to encourage the development of small businesses  
 3                   under this chapter; and".

4                   Page 2, line 21, reset in roman "(B)".

5                   Page 2, line 21, delete "(E)".

6                   Page 2, delete lines 36 through 41, begin a new line block indented  
 7                   and insert:

8                   **"(8) Maintain, through the Small Business Development**  
 9                   **Centers, a statewide network of public, private, and**  
 10                   **educational resources to, among other things, inform small**  
 11                   **businesses of the state and federal programs under which they**  
 12                   **may obtain financial assistance or realize reduced costs**  
 13                   **through programs such as the small employer health**  
 14                   **insurance pooling program under IC 27-8-5-16(8)."**

15                   Page 3, line 32, delete "office of" and insert "**corporation's**".

16                   Page 3, line 32, delete "advancement" and insert "**division**".

17                   Page 3, line 33, delete "established under" and insert "**described**  
 18                   **in**".

(Reference is to HB 1697 as printed February 3, 2009.)

**and when so amended that said bill do pass .**

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0.

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**Senator Nugent, Chairperson**